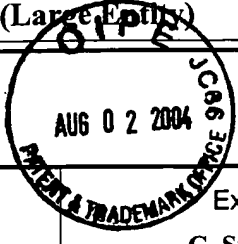


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<b>COMBINED AMENDMENT &amp; PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)</b>	Docket No. <b>P-5016</b>
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In Re Application Of: <b>Brian G. Scrivens, et al</b>			
Serial No. <b>09/671,524</b>	Filing Date <b>September 27, 2000</b>	Examiner <b>G. Stock, Jr.</b>	Group Art Unit <b>2877</b>

Invention: **Method for Obtaining Decreased Particle Concentration for Optical Examination**

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of **March 3, 2004** in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

- ☐ One month    
 ☒ Two months    
 ☐ Three months    
 ☐ Four months    
 ☐ Five months

from: **June 3, 2004**                      until: **August 3, 2004**  
*Date* *Date*

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

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INDEP. CLAIMS	-	3    =	0	x    \$86.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
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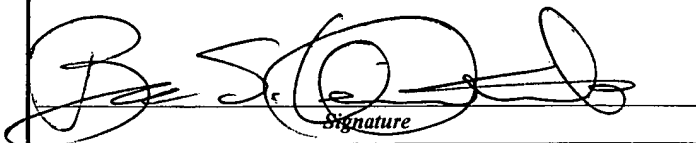
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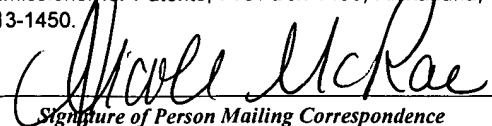
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- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No.

  
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